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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic  
(as of 1900)

1. As of 1900 there has been no appreciable change in the tactical situation in the city from an hour ago when rebels still had the initiative in the capital.
2. The marines have been issued orders to land at Haina and proceed to the Embajador Hotel. They will attempt to secure the residential area between the hotel up to the National Palace. There are many US residencies in this area as well as most of the diplomatic missions.
3. The ambassador's best estimate is that hard-core insurgent strength under direct leadership of Communist-trained fighters total about 1,500. As many as 1,000 regular army troops may be fighting with the rebels, and there may be between one and four thousand hangers-on, many of whom would fight on only if things are going their way.
4. In addition, mobs who are looting and sacking number in the thousands, but would disintegrate if attacked.
5. The estimate of junta forces is as follows:
  - a. Troops belonging to Wessin and the air force number less than one thousand.
  - b. Imbert has 300 near the Police Palace and 200 in the National Palace area.

State Dept. review completed

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